



Playa Linda Resort pulls out all the stops for these very special Ambassadors of Goodwill

Joe Gaggiano and his wife Peggy of Staten Island, New York are not the first to receive the title of “Ambassador of Goodwill” from the Aruba Tourist Authority, but for the management and owners at the Playa Linda Resort, it was a special cause for celebration. Joe, who has been an owner at Playa Linda since the day they opened their doors in 1986, is the Chairman of the Board since last year, and his efforts on behalf of the owners and the resort has endeared him to all that know him.

Joe and Peggy bought their timeshare at Playa Linda on their very first visit to the island, when they stayed at what was then known as the Aruba Palm Beach Resort. “We both fell in love with Aruba,” confesses Joe, “but it was Peggy who really wanted this so much, to make it our regular vacation destination. We took the tour of Playa Linda and we were sitting with the salesman and I wasn’t sure, but I saw the look on Peggy’s face and that was it, I took out my credit card and said “You’ve got a deal!”

With the friends Joe and Peggy have made over the years; their “extended Aruban family,” they have not regretted for a moment their decision. Joe has praise for all the staff of the Playa Linda, but in particular the General Manager, Jan van Ness. “The man is brilliant” he reports, “he wears many hats, aside from GM he is the real estate developer and financial controller, and he has made all the owners happy with the fantastic job he has done.”

Ricardo Croes of the Aruba Tourism Authority along with Yvette, social director of Playa Linda did the honors in the lobby of the Playa Linda on Wednesday morning, with an audience of about thirty members applauding. The Playa Linda provided a nice spread of wraps and refreshments for a proper celebration of this special occasion. Visiting the island this year with their daughter Michelle Questa and her children Jayde and Matthew, Joe and Peggy were deeply touched by the honor, and the admiration of his fellow timeshare owners. In many ways, the gathering summed up all that keeps the Caggianos coming back year after year to the place they call their “home away from home” and as Joe so succinctly says it: “What’s not to love?”